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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLLS & HOURS

May 2007

1 Yukon Employees (based on employer payroll counts)

Monthly SEPH publications are being discontinued as of this month and an annual report will replace the monthly publications. If you require monthly SEPH data, call 867-667-5640 or email ybsinfo@gov.yk.ca.

- The number of employees* in May, 2007.....17,712
- The number of employees* in May, 2006.....17,416
- The difference was an increase of 296
- As a percentage, the increase was 1.7%

* Does not include self-employed workers

In May of 2007, the preliminary number of employees* in the Yukon totalled 17,712. There were 2,344 in Goods-producing Industries, an increase of 301 employees, or 14.7%, over the May 2006 figure of 2,043. In May of this year, there were 15,184 in Service-producing Industries, an increase of 41 employees, or 0.3%, from the May 2006 figure of 15,143.

2 About the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours

There are two perspectives on Yukon employment. One, based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), provides the perspective from a sample of households reporting experience of employment and unemployment. The other, based on the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), provides a perspective on the number of employees based on employer administrative payroll records. The LFS is generally well known and is the focus of a regular series of monthly publications by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. SEPH is less well-known but has the advantage of being a monthly census of all in-scope businesses maintained by the Business Register Division of Statistics Canada and from a list of all businesses registered in Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's Business Number program with one or more active payroll deduction accounts. Public Institutions Division of Statistics Canada provides information for general government services at the territorial level. *However, those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations and military personnel of defense services are excluded.*[1] It should also be noted that **SEPH does NOT include self-employed workers** in any of its figures. In May 2007, the Labour Force Survey estimated 2,400 self-employed Yukoners.

Comparisons between the LFS estimates of employment and the SEPH report of the number of employees will reveal differences which are largely due to the exclusion of self-employed workers and employees having more than one job at a time. For example, it is entirely possible to have SEPH report 17,000 paid employees in a month which could be filled by 8,500 workers each working two jobs; or 15,000 working one job and 500 working two jobs and 333 working three jobs. Historically, the number of multiple job holders reported by the LFS has varied between 700 and 1,400 with an average of just under 1,000 from 1992 through 2006. What we do not know from the LFS is how many jobs multiple job holders held in a given month.

The most current month's figures released are always preliminary and are revised the following month. Caution should be used when using the most current month's figures as the revisions are sometimes significant.

[1] See http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=2612&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2#top for further information.

3 Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Number of Employees*	Goods-Producing Industries	Construction	Service-Producing Industries	Trade	Transportation and Warehousing	Information and Cultural Industries
2007	**May (p)**	**17,712**	**2,344**	**1,120**	**15,184**	**2,357**	**926**	**488**
	Apr (r)	16,562	1,910	896	14,493	2,168	947	480
	Mar	16,377	1,753	762	14,466	2,198	931	487
	Feb	16,056	1,688	771	14,202	2,049	921	441
	Jan	15,795	1,643	750	13,998	2,043	914	440
2006	Dec	16,566	1,891	903	14,481	2,159	930	435
	Nov	17,085	2,317	1,205	14,552	2,152	925	441
	Oct	17,606	2,557	1,321	14,836	2,100	954	441
	Sep	18,385	2,423	1,138	15,599	2,122	1,009	440
	Aug	18,246	2,454	1,147	15,402	2,060	1,043	455
	Jul	18,581	2,463	1,151	15,731	2,120	1,066	453
	Jun	18,6[illegible]	2,391	1,184	15,946	2,108	997	507
	May	17,4[illegible]	2,043	961	15,143	2,001	949	535
	Apr	16,1[illegible]	1,740	837	14,169	1,813	921	514
	Mar	16,301	1,871	1,004	14,199	1,775	910	521
	Feb	15,991	1,704	954	14,046	1,982	884	509
	Jan	15,707	1,687	940	13,754	2,006	884	511
2005	Dec	16,576	1,716	923	14,588	2,252	884	x
	Nov	16,368	1,578	951	14,502	2,241	892	x
	Oct	17,019	1,836	1,098	14,881	2,172	922	x
	Sep	17,868	1,942	1,143	15,609	2,282	951	x
	Aug	17,868	1,991	1,143	15,505	2,320	977	x
	Jul	18,180	2,036	1,110	15,754	2,291	973	x
	Jun	18,541	1,934	1,089	16,241	2,388	959	x
	May	16,640	1,467	798	14,873	2,238	924	x
	Apr	15,407	1,166	581	13,960	2,151	904	x
	Mar	15,414	1,004	509	14,148	2,117	905	x
	Feb	15,220	915	478	14,079	2,171	860	x
	Jan	14,931	913	471	13,800	2,092	850	x
2004	May (r)	16,683	1,341	655	15,185	2,220	1,139	504
2003	May	16,372	1,290	607	14,992	2,373	1,015	607
2002	May	15,238	1,092	674	14,054	2,037	844	606
2001	May	15,344	1,271	839	14,038	1,951	887	604
2000	May	15,023	1,144	472	13,812	1,961	734	536
1999	May	14,895	1,482	716	13,356	1,895	700	591
1998	May	14,346	1,301	604	12,893	1,934	640	595
1997	May	13,794	1,741	897	11,922	1,921	582	551
1996	May	12,786	1,744	976	10,922	1,859	591	523
1995	May	12,917	1,571	904	11,034	1,834	842	442
1994	May	12,586	1,605	937	10,872	2,229	757	439
1993	May	12,292	1,638	908	10,653	2,113	881	419
1992	May	11,996	1,642	832	10,354	1,653	1,202	403
1991	May	10,551	1,229	762	9,322	1,744	720	430
Average May 1991 to 2007		**14,505**	**1,526**	**804**	**12,859**	**2,019**	**843**	**517**

**see note on page 4 for a list of what is included in 'Total'.*

x = suppressed for confidentiality
(p) = preliminary
(r) = revised

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

- There were 17,712 employees in the Yukon in May of this year. The average number of employees in the Yukon for May 1991-2006 was 14,305; the May '07 total of 17,712 is an increase of 3,407, or 23.8% over the May average.
- The seasonal cycle in the Goods-producing sector sees more employees during the June through October time period than during the November through May months. The number of employees peaks in the July/August months, and 2006/07 numbers are consistent with historical fluctuations observed in this sector.

4 Service-Producing Industries, continued...

		Finance and Insurance	Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	Educational Services	Health Care and Social Assistance	Accommodation and Food Services	Public Administration*
2007	**May (p)**	**314**	**273**	**1,404**	**993**	**1,575**	**5,259**
	Apr (r)	304	250	1,390	936	1,334	5,221
	Mar	305	259	1,385	912	1,254	5,214
	Feb	306	251	1,405	939	1,240	5,136
	Jan	327	261	1,350	912	1,148	5,205
2006	Dec	314	242	1,401	890	1,273	5,359
	Nov	333	261	1,396	920	1,320	5,308
	Oct	436	269	1,352	896	1,570	5,316
	Sep	433	318	1,218	882	2,100	5,464
	Aug	434	324	553	944	2,270	5,603
	Jul	369	308	810	962	2,282	5,611
	Jun	353	267	1,335	998	2,198	5,431
	May	314	288	1,346	994	1,707	5,401
	Apr	325	223	1,345	950	1,516	5,174
	Mar	306	209	1,411	965	1,455	5,200
	Feb	300	223	1,360	949	1,427	4,998
	Jan	316	205	1,280	947	1,364	4,794
2005	Dec	395	194	1,333	917	1,451	5,140
	Nov	331	199	1,337	906	1,533	5,007
	Oct	337	208	1,316	945	1,754	5,213
	Sep	345	225	1,157	946	2,209	5,374
	Aug	383	274	510	910	2,372	5,502
	Jul	423	283	775	914	2,408	5,460
	Jun	391	312	1,276	986	2,261	5,388
	May	358	238	1,310	944	1,567	5,230
	Apr	311	209	1,329	921	1,289	4,949
	Mar	336	212	1,391	928	1,251	5,046
	Feb	332	202	1,377	931	1,200	5,083
	Jan	313	209	1,281	912	1,134	5,181
2004	May (r)	323	201	1,292	951	1,276	4,786
2003	May	313	165	1,338	904	1,397	4,729
2002	May	297	166	1,257	902	1,353	4,866
2001	May	308	160	1,287	894	1,343	4,717
2000	May	265	153	1,553	861	1,173	4,554
1999	May	278	171	1,533	848	1,354	4,344
1998	May	259	150	1,374	790	1,066	3,937
1997	May	262	165	1,317	839	1,140	3,733
1996	May	259	155	1,230	917	1,023	2,836
1995	May	237	176	1,302	827	1,040	2,692
1994	May	247	125	1,208	746	923	2,771
1993	May	229	155	1,255	685	910	2,928
1992	May	246	199	1,185	572	930	2,885
1991	May	251	142	1,053	133	919	2,920
Average May 1991 to 2007		**280**	**181**	**1,308**	**812**	**1,217**	**4,035**

** Public administration includes all levels of government (federal, territorial, municipal and First Nations). Public Administration does not include teachers, college instructors etc. or health care workers who are captured in the Educational Services and Health and Social Service industries respectively.*

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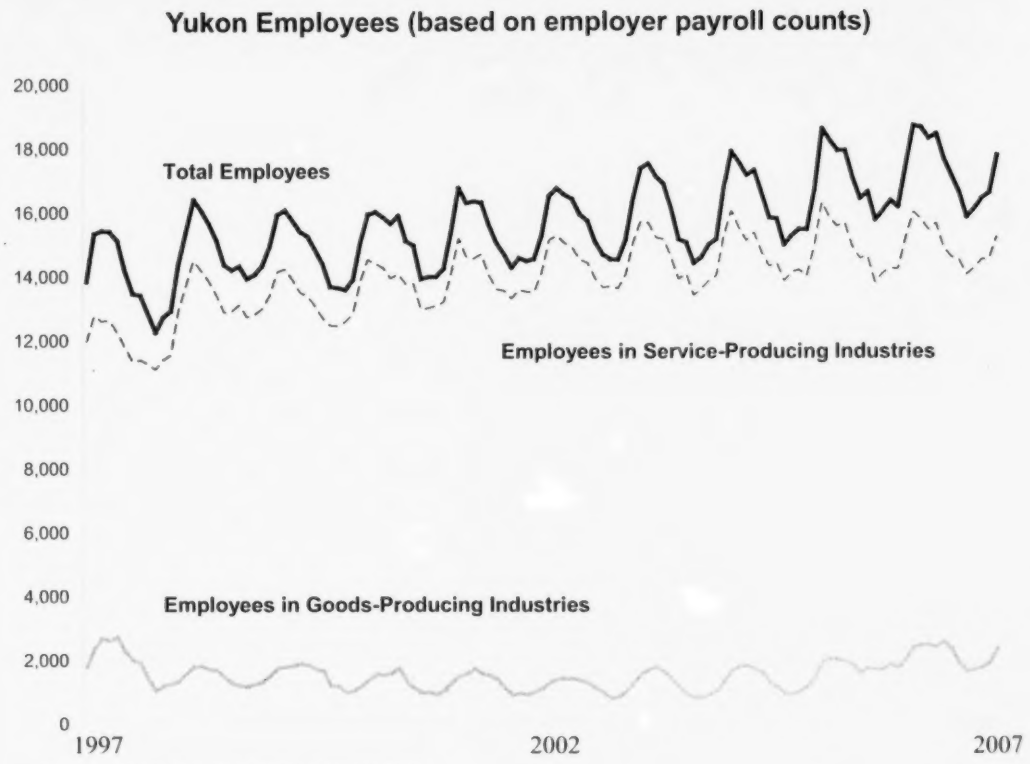
- The Service-producing sector is also influenced by seasonal fluctuations; there are more employees in the summer months, as would be expected with increased tourism traffic.
- From 1991 to 2006, on average for the month of May, the Public Adminstration sector has accounted for 27.7% of all Yukon employees. In May 2007, the number of employees in Public Administration (5,259) was consistent with this historical trend, accounting for 29.7% of all Yukon employees.

5 Yukon Employees, May 1997 to May 2007



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

- The above graph highlights the cyclical nature of employment in the Yukon, with increased employees through the summer months and a decrease through the winter.
- The graph also highlights that gains in the number of employees over the last 10 years have mainly been in the Service-producing Industries.

Note: In addition to the industries listed, 'Total Number of Employees' includes unclassified industries as well as industries with suppressed individual numbers. Under Goods-Producing Industries, this includes: Forestry, Logging and Support; Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction; Utilities; and Manufacturing. Under Service-Producing Industries, this includes: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Other Services (except Public Administration).

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